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TAGS: SF OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM IAN SMITH

REF: SECTO 27225, PRETORIA 4241

BRAND FOURIE CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE AT 10:20 AM
TO ASK ME TO RELAY FOLLOWING:

A. A MESSAGE BASED ON THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION
WITH DR MULLER WAS DISPATCHED TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY
MR IAN SMITH YESTERDAY. A SEOND MESSAGE TO MR SMITH
BASED ON THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY THIS
MORNING(SEPT 21) IS BEING TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

B. MEANTIME, MR SMITH HAS REQUESTED THAT THE
FOLLOWING BE TRANSMITTED URGENTLY TO DR KISSINGER. (THIS
WAS NECESSARILY COMPOSED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE
SECRETARY'S LATEST MESSAGE.) "AFTER MEETING WITH MY
CABINET LAST NIGHT, I REQUEST PARITY IN THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, OR, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A
WHITE MAJORITY FOR THE COUNCIL OF STATE. WITHOUT
THIS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET CAUCUS AGREEMENT;
WITH IT, I WILL." WITH REGARD TO THIS MESSAGE, THE
SOUTH AFRICANS WERE INFORMED THAT MR SMITH WOULD
APPRECIATE A REPLY BY TOMORROW(SEPT 22) BEFORE HIS

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CAUCUS MEETING.

C. WHEN MR SMITH'S MESSAGE WAS HANDED OVER TO
THE SOUTH AFRICANS, THEY GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT ALTHOUGH
THE RHODESIANS HOPE FOR VERY STRONG CONSIDERATION OF
THIS REQUEST, THEY ARE AWARE OF THE SECRETARY'S
DIFFICULTIES AND SUSPICIONS THIS MIGHT AROUSE. WHILE
THEY WILL HAVE VASTLY EASIER TASK IF THIS IS GIVEN,
THEY WILL NEVERTHELESS DO THEIR UTMOST WITHOUT IT.
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